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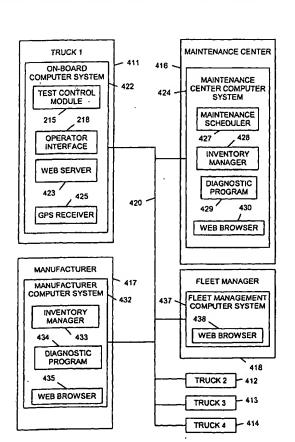
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(57) Abstract: A method of ordering parts for an equipment service vehicle comprises performing a diagnostic test on the equipment service vehicle, the performing step being performed by an on-board computer system of the equipment service vehicle and transmitting a request for a replacement part for the equipment service vehicle, the request being transmitted from the on-board computer system to an off-board computer system by way of a wireless radio-frequency (RF) communication link. A method of scheduling maintenance for an equipment service vehicle comprises performing a diagnostic test on the equipment service vehicle using an on-board computer system of the equipment service vehicle, and transmitting a request to schedule the equipment service vehicle for maintenance. The request is transmitted from the on-board vehicle computer system to an off-board computer system by way of a wireless radio-frequency communication link.



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1. Claims: 1-47

An vehicle on-board computer performs diagnostics and identifies thereby defective parts and automatically orders the parts identified as defective.

The technical problem dealt with is the automation of the detection of a defective part and the retrieval of sufficient information for ordering a part.

1.1. Claims: 48-54

Transmitting data to a computer on-board of a vehicle, the data being indicative of a recall, and displaying such information. Dependent claims pertain to the arrangement of a maintenance appointment. The Examiner could not find any technical problem dealt with in the light of the knowledge that is common in the field of telemetry.

1.2. Claim: 55

Method of diagnosing a vehicle by the use of telemetry, i.e. by performing tests on-board a vehicle using a remote computer. The Examiner could not find any technical problem dealt with in the light of the knowledge that is common in the field of telemetry.

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